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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this plan.

The importance of the continued clean up of this river cannot be overstated.

The installation of the Big Pipe upriver has allowed a group of us to safely swim in the Willamette River for the past three years. As part of the Human Access Project we support conservation, education and stewardship of the Willamette River and its entire watershed.

Watershed.<http://www.humanaccessproject.com/>. We are thrilled to be able to access at least parts of the river already.

But the work needs to continue and we need to do more. While the Proposed Cleanup makes important strides, I would like the EPA to also address the following points as part of their plan:

--The draft cleanup plan leaves far too much of the river contaminated for generations to come. At least 1,000 acres of polluted sediment should be removed from the river.

-- The draft cleanup plan relies too much on "monitored natural recovery," a "do nothing" strategy that leaves pollution in the river in the hopes that it will either be covered over or flushed downstream.

Recovery needs to be specifically monitored and adjusted as conditions dictate.

--The cleanup plan must result in the removal of the Fish Consumption Advisory so that eating fish from the Lower Willamette is just as safe as eating fish from anywhere else in the Willamette River system and this must occur within a 10-20 year time frame. Is swimming in this portion of the river an impossible dream?

--Creating a toxic waste disposal dump in our river is not acceptable—toxic dredged sediments must be taken to an appropriate landfill.

--Entities with liability for the pollution must be held accountable and pay for a comprehensive cleanup that will protect the health of our communities, our environment and our wildlife.

Again, thank you for your work and thank you for the opportunity to comment on this plan.